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Thu 0630 WOR WRMI	9955**
Thu 1530 WOR WRMI	7385
Thu 2300 WOR WRMI	9955 [NEW]
Fri 0030 WOR WBCQ	7415
Fri 0730 WOR WRMI	9955**
Fri 1200 WOR WRMI	9955**
Fri 2130 WOR WWCR1	15825
Fri 2330 WOR WBCQ	5110-CUSB
Sat 0900 WOR WRMI	9955
Sat 1730 WOR WWCR3	12160
Sun 0330 WOR WWCR3	5070
Sun 0730 WOR WWCR1	3215
Sun 0900 WOR WRMI	9955
Sun 1615 WOR WRMI	7385
Mon 0400 WOR WBCQ	9330-CLSB [irregular]
Mon 0515 WOR WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Mon 0930 WOR WRMI	9955**
Tue 1200 WOR WRMI	9955
Tue 1630 WOR WRMI	7385
Wed 0830 WOR WRMI	9955**
Wed 1230 WOR WRMI	9955

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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 15265, R. Solh at 1330 UT Feb 4th -- Listen to the recording. Somewhat fragmented music of R Solh. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, they have a lot of glitches, sometimes just a false start on a piece of music. This is rather like what I have been hearing daily at 1346-1350, but I am rarely listening as early as 1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN. 6699.996, 25.1 1450, Radio Solh back?? After a long period of absence at least here at my location. Typical music. 2 SA (Stig Adolfsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translation of item in 8-014 by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, Andaman Islands, Port Blair, 1140 Feb 4 fade in with subcontinental music, YL at 1157 and 1217. Providing a steady signal (Bob Wilkner, S Florida River DXpedition, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4950, R·dio Nacional da Angola, 0257-0330 Jan 28. Nice music until 4 time pips at 0300 followed by several IDs and news. More IDs after the news followed by pop music program including "Born Free." Very good signal and audible from early afternoon at nice levels. Angola on steroids? This was heard a fairly reasonable levels at home and superb levels here. Is it good African conditions or a new transmitter? Some combination, perhaps? (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

4949.974, R·dio Nacional de Angola; 2359-0115 29 January, 2008. Portuguese pop song, 4 + 1 time sounders, news headlines by man, field actualities from 0103 by female, 0104 ID by same news presenter as "R·dio Nacional de Angola" and into "It Must Have Been Love" by the Swedish pop group Roxette, who I am confident never set foot in Angola. Very good. For many years, the overnight program appropriately ID'ed as "R·dio Madrugada" but I'm not hearing that any more. Anyone else? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08

W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, RadioShack Pro-60 handheld scanner, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 6060, R. Nacional, 0940-1000+ 4 Feb. Very good signal with morning chat and feature about a journalists' reunion, national lottery promos, and several jingle IDs as "Radio Nacional-la radio p'blica", TCs (sounded like UTC-2, example: "ocho en punto en la capital federal"), R. Tupi's enthusiastic evangelist heard underneath, slowly picking up strength past 1000 (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 7250, Bangladesh Betar; 1254-1300* 2 February, 2008. Subcontinental vocals, accented English man with ID and immediately off. Listed as the English external service, and the first log of Bangladesh for me in years. Clear and fair, but with a really bad 50-ish cycle hum. Thanks Robert Wilkner tip (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, RadioShack Pro-60 handheld scanner, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7250, Bangladesh Betar 1227 Feb 4 carrier on, followed by 1229 time pip, brief East Asian music then into news by YL till 1238 then OM news. Hum on the signal and occasional ARO. Switched between synchro upper and lower (Bob Wilkner, S Florida River DXPedition, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BELARUS. 7390, R. Belarus, Minsk produces two terrible sideband spurs on 7357-7363 and 7416-7422 kHz, at present 1300 UT, Feb 4th. Another 75 kW unit of Minsk site is still underneath on even 7360.00 kHz (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, harmonix yg via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. RTBF ñ International offers streaming and on-demand audio at <http://www.rtbf.be/index.htm> Be sure to include the /index.htm portion, or you'll be forced to watch an advertisement first. All content is in French, but look for the RTBF webradio box on the right side of the main page and follow the links to any of 21 domestic audio streams.

For the Flemish side of the Belgian equation, check out Radio Vlaanderen International (RVI) at <http://www.rvi.be/> As my Flemish isn't very good (I'd rate it 0/10) I clicked on RVi Live for streaming audio. After several server busy messages, I finally connected, only to get another advertisement, followed by choppy audio of some 1970s dentists' office music (apologies to dentists). Note, the RVI site uses iframes, which makes it impossible to give a specific URL for

the streaming audio ñ címon RVI, make it easy for us (Paul E. Guise, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J3, Click!, Feb 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

** BENIN. The new TWR relay station (1566 kHz 100 kW) was inaugurated and is currently transmitting according to this schedule: 0300-0400 English, 0400-0430 Hausa, 0430-0500 English, 0500-0535 Ewe/Twi.

- Transmission break.-

1700-1745 Hausa, 1745-1825 English, 1825-1855 Yoruba, 1855-1910 Fongbe/Yoruba, 1910-1925 Kanuri, 1925-2010 Fulfulde, 2010-2025 Dendi/Songhai, 2025-2045 Igbo, 2045-2115 French (Tue/Thu extended to 2130). (WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD)

Listening to TWR Benin now dominant on 1566 in US English and French at 2113 UT - Countysound seems to be having transmitter problems; sometimes their signal falling WAY back. How widely is this one being heard? (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, Feb 2, MWC via DXLD)

1566, TWR Parakou, FEB 3, 0400 - Presumed with church choir music through the hour, no interval signal heard for positive ID. A rather unimpressive signal by comparison with 1557 France Info a good 20 dB stronger. At least 1566 has a clear shot with 1570 CFAV R. Boomer nulled, now that 1560 WQEW R. Disney has reduced analog bandwidth to +/- 5 kHz in preparation for HD digital (Bruce Conti, Nashua - SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop, antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150 [garble; feet? meters?] terminated, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. Bhutan Broadcasting Service offers something different from the main page of their website, <http://www.bbs.com.bt/> Near the top right, click Download - Traditional Bhutanese Songs. This will bring you to a list of songs (currently fourteen of them) in MP3 format. No other audio is provided on the BBS website (Paul E. Guise, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J3, Click!, Feb 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, R Mosoj Chaski, Feb 1 with Bolivian anthem at 0759, instrumental music and man announcer 0800.5, then man and woman talking with some nice Bolivian instrumental music at 0808, vocal/instrumental at 0812. Rooster crowing sound effect with announcements at 0815. More vocal/instrumental pieces at 0815.5, 0819 and again at 0823. Love their Bolivian music ñ very traditional! Very nice S3 signal with S-meter peaking at S9+25. No QRM, light static, slow QSB with flutter overlay. SINPO 35433 with slight undermod audio (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.4, Radio San Miguel, 2305-2317 Jan 28. Man announcer with usual long Spanish language talk. Rustic vocal selection followed by another talk with TC and ID at 2313 (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek

State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

And I've seen yet another Brazilian log of this frequency wondering if it is Guatemala (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Up at 0930, first cup of coffee :-) Notice Radio Yura absent from 4716v last few days, similar event a month ago. Band conditions seem OK. 73s (Bob Wilkner, FL, Feb 5, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL - Entre 15 e tr is de fevereiro, o sinal da R dio Clube Paranaense, de Curitiba (PR), havia desaparecido na freq ncia de 6040 kHz, conforme monitoria de ...dison Bocorny J nior, em Novo Hamburgo (RS).

BRASIL - A R dio Gazeta, de S o Paulo (SP), voltou a ser captada na freq ncia de 15325 kHz, em 19 metros. A sintonia foi notada, em Barreiras (BA), pelo Ramon Arag o, e em Novo Hamburgo (RS), pelo ...dison Bocorny J nior. [Hora? Never hear it here -- gh]

BRASIL - O sinal da Super Rede Boa Vontade de R dio, de Porto Alegre (RS), tem tido excelente sintonia em 9550 kHz, de acordo com informa o de ...dison Bocorny J nior, de Novo Hamburgo (RS).

BRASIL - Em tr is de fevereiro, por volta de 1400, o sinal da R dio Globo, de S o Paulo (SP), era captado, no Sul do Brasil, conforme constata o do colunista, com bom sinal, em 9585 kHz.

BRASIL - Um Projeto de Lei, que tramita na C mara dos Deputados, obriga as emissoras de r dio a destinar uma hora di ria de sua programa o a m sicas locais e regionais. Pelo texto, essa ser  uma condi o para os interessados receberem concess o, permiss o ou autoriza o para explorar o servi o. Caso n o respeitem a determina o, as emissoras ter o seu funcionamento suspenso. Como m sica local ou regional, a proposta define aquela criada, interpretada ou produzida por residentes no munic pio ou no estado onde se localiza a sede da emissora. As informa ies s o do Envolverde. A dica  do bi logo Paulo Roberto e Souza, de Tef  (AM). (C lio Romais, Brasil, Panorama, @tividade DX Feb 3 via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Bulgarian National Radio  Radio Bulgaria (BNR):
<http://bnr.bg/>

Of the ten languages listed on the main webpage, click English unless you have another preference. On the English homepage, you'll find links to the various languages down the left-hand side, below which are links to internet radio (MP3 format), again in various languages

(thirteen, this time). Down the centre of the page are briefs and links to the day's news and weather, followed by a Programme Guide complete with frequencies and a Reception Report page, with downloadable form and instructions on how to receive all six (!) BNR QSL cards.

The right-hand side of the page features a few colourful buttons linking to prominent features, below which are iCategories such as Bulgaria and the World, Life in Bulgaria, Profiles (of people), Culture, and DX Program. Each of these categories links to a huge list of articles carried on the BNR website over the past few months or even years, and many of the stories are complemented by photos and/or archived audio of the original broadcast. The DX Program content currently goes back to late October 2007. One final tidbit: each page features a search box, plus Site Map, Help, and Contact Us buttons, all in the top right-hand corner (Paul E. Guise, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J3, Click!, Feb ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio Canada International (RCI): <http://rcinet.ca/>

RCI's homepage features a tasteful graphic combining the name Radio Canada International (repeated in each RCI broadcast language) with a map of Canada and the surrounding countries, which looks a bit like a map of United North America (I noted this last year, but still no change — wonder why the world thinks we're iAmerican?). Below this are links to the RCI website in each broadcast language, followed by the same links in French, and then again in English.

While it may sound a bit redundant, the layout seems to facilitate users with a widely varying range of computer equipment. Clicking on any of the English links loads the RCI English main page, which prominently features the option of streaming audio from iRCIviva (last year, this stream opened automatically for me — have they changed, or have I?).

On the main English page there are simple headings on the left-hand side, such as News, Schedules and Frequencies (all in PDF format), and About RCI. Other headings include Programs, Podcasts, which, despite the plural, is for the single program iThe Linki, Reception Report, and Language Courses, which links to Everyday French for Children (FranÃais parlÃ© pour enfants), aimed at children and hosted on the parent Radio-Canada website (where you'll also find the English-language equivalent).

The middle of the page is occupied by a iPick of the Dayi (today, about torture in the United States), news, and numerous features. Other items include a box for signing up to RCI's daily Cyberjournal email (a summary of Canadian and international news), and a few ads.

An attractive and easy-to-use website, but looking a bit slim (Paul E. Guise, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J3, Click!, Feb 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

** CHAD. 4905, 1.2 0530, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne - after lots of various patriotic military music a number of bulletins regarding the critical situation with rebel forces coming close to N'Djamena. 3-4 CB (Christer Brunström, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translation of item in 8-014 by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4904.9, Rdif. Nat. Tchadienne-N'djamena, 2306, 2/2/08. heard at poor-fair levels during the attempted military coup with soft classical music and EZL vocals; most in French; no ID at 2330 and no announcements; faint level at 2341 recheck; the music seemed to be a continuous tape loop. hearing Chad during the attempted military coup was intriguing for what was not said; perhaps the station was playing EZL music to calm the fears of the citizenry! (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545, R-75, E-1 + Eavesdropper, GMDSS-2 vertical, and three homebrew FlexTennas, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

4904.9, R. N. Tchadianne (N'Djamena), 0004-0115, 2/3/08, in French and local language. Assorted music segued, 0030 man speaking, 0034 music, 0100 excited man speaking. There is a rumor there is a military coup today in Chad. Thanks to Jim Ronda for bringing both the station and political state to my attention. Poor (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Eton E1, Grundig Sat 800 & G4000; 110' random wire, Eavesdropper, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

In mijn bijdrage voor het Februari nummer van het BDXC blad was ik nog vol enthousiasme over de wederopstanding van Chad op 4905. Helaas, helaas, het is blijkbaar alweer voorbij. De rebellen en/of plunderende bendes hebben in elk geval de studio's in brand gestoken. Of dit ook de zender zelf betreft is nog niet duidelijk. In elk geval is er de laatste dagen op 4905 kHz niets meer te horen (behalve China [TIBET] natuurlijk) Groeten, (Aart Rouw, Germany, Feb 4, BDX via DXLD)

FIERCE BATTLE FOR CHAD'S CAPITAL February 4, 2008 - 6:33AM
<http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/fierce-battle-for-chads-capital/2008/02/04/1201973773851.html>

Fierce fighting with tanks and helicopter strikes rocked Chad's capital Ndjamen for a second day today as rebels surrounded President Idriss Deby in his palace and hundreds of foreigners fled the country.

With international aid organisations reporting bodies in the streets and hundreds of people wounded, anti-tank and automatic weapons fire was heard around the presidential palace, where Deby has been holed up since Friday.

French Defence Minister Herve Morin said the new fighting could be "crucial" in the battle for control of the former French colony in Central Africa.

The offensive by three rebel commanders has opened up a new conflict next to Sudan's strife-torn Darfur region, and the deployment of a European peacekeeping mission in Chad and Central African Republic has been suspended, Morin said in Paris.

Chadian army helicopters attacked a rebel column near the national radio station headquarters in the capital. They also fired at other rebel vehicles in the city.

[NOTE THIS GRAF!!!!!!] An army tank defending the entrance to the national radio station fired at anyone who showed themselves on the street, a witness told AFP.

"We did not take the airport so as not to hinder the evacuation of foreign nationals and now the French army is letting these helicopters take off and attack us," a rebel spokesman, Abderaman Khoulamallah, told AFP (via Robert Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** CHINA. China Radio International (CRI): <http://chinabroadcast.cn/> or <http://cri.cn/>

Prepare to be intimidated ñ CRIis website is available in 45 different languages! As usual, weill focus on the English version, also known as <http://crienglish.com/>

This is a very large, very comprehensive website, so I'll only mention a few things. The main page features a vast number of links to news items, weather, and a variety of features. Last year when I checked, the Listen Live links didn't work; this year they linked to iCRIENGLISH ñ EASY FMî, playing the Backstreet Boys. I'm not sure that is improved.

At first I could not find any information on CRIis shortwave broadcasts, only AM/FM relays around the world. The shortwave broadcast schedule was eventually located on the Webcast page, by clicking on the Ways to Listen > Via shortwave button down in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

Last year I gave up on the CRI website, which I found slow, cluttered, and very difficult to navigate, and only vaguely related to CRIis excellent shortwave service. Not much has changed (Paul E. Guise, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J3, Click!, Feb 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

** CHINA. Consider the 2003 book entitled ``Practical Manual for Party Propaganda Work'', published by Red Flag Publishing House. It is a thinly veiled policy statement aimed at doing business with foreigners and serves as the de facto guide to how China's Communist Party wants things done when it comes to presenting China in a most-favorable light.

Here is a summary of the advice, as assembled by noted China analyst David Cowling. Not only does it speak volumes about what China wants presented to the world; it also details what it wants achieved.

Consider these tips:

- * Speak simply, [even] oversimplify if necessary. Deliver a message easiest for the foreigner to receive. This will vary according to what country or region they are from.
- * Never use slogans. Propaganda with foreigners should be less direct than domestic propaganda. Present facts, let them draw their own conclusions.
- * Arrange interviews for friendly foreign journalists.
- * Through Xinhua [the state-run news service] if appropriate, arrange for articles by Chinese to be published by foreign media.
- * When scheduling tour groups, strive to arrange a schedule that will give the best impression of China. When these people return to their countries, they can help form a positive impression of China in the minds of the people of the world.
- * Attend to programs shown on the television systems of hotels frequented by foreigners so that a positive impression of China will be given.
- * Arrange for tour guides and interpreters to subscribe to PRC foreign language publications.

This all sounds pretty innocuous until you realize the forward is by none other than Hu Jintao - as in China President Hu Jintao.

In Western terms, this would be like President George Bush issuing a national press directive regarding what can and cannot be reported - with guidelines for the content that actually makes it into print or out onto the air.

On the surface, it is enough to make a free-press society foam at the mouth, but to longtime Asian observers like ourselves, it is simply a roadmap - for global success.

[In an interesting side note, at a time when there is more of a need for global communication and understanding than ever before, every country in the world except one is either cutting back on - or ending outright - their government-sponsored international shortwave broadcasts. That includes Great Britain's vaunted BBC and the U.S.'s

Voice of America. The one exception is China, which is actually boosting its broadcasts of news, documentaries and propaganda to the rest of the world.] {is this graf by Fred? --- gh}

All of this - from the directives to the boosted world band radio broadcasts - provides a clear and intimate look at how China intends to do things. In one sense, it is a game plan focused on victory - measured as global economic success. In another, it is a lot like a poker Intelli in that it reveals a great deal about China's intentions and future courses of action. <http://www.moneymorning.com/2008/01/> (via Fred Waterer, Programming Matters, Feb 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

** CHINA. NVISION PROVIDES BEST-IN-CLASS ROUTING SYSTEMS FOR JSBC'S NEW TV CENTER IN CHINA

BEIJING--(BUSINESS WIRE)--JiangSu Broadcasting Corporation (JSBC) in Nanjing, P.R. China, one of the top ten provincial TV stations in China, is building a 36-story TV center and expects to begin operation by June 2008. . .

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?
ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080204005481&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080204005481&newsLang=en)
Says that JSBC has a shortwave frequency (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK?

** COCOS ISLAND. TI9, COCOS ISLAND (Update). Norbert, DJ7JC, informs OPDX that all preparations for the TI9K DXpedition are on time. The twelve operators from TI, W, EA, OE, VU, HS and DL will be active this week from February 6 to 14. Activity will be on all modes and bands including 60 meters and EME, with 6 stations on the air. Suggested frequencies are:

Bands	CW	SSB	RTTY	PSK
160m	-----	-----	-----	-----
160m	1815*	1845	1838	1838
80m	3515	3794	3590	3580
40m	7015	7089	7038	7035
30m	10110	10135	10140	10138
20m	14015	14205	14080	14070
17m	18076	18155	18100	18100
15m	21015	21260	21080	21080
12m	24910	24950	24925	24920
10m	28015	28495	28085	28070
6m	50100	50120	50080	50080 kHz

*Freq. 1830 kHz for EU or other countries if 1815 kHz isn't allowed

QSL Manager is Andreas, EA2CRX: Andreas Wolf, POB 10084, 20300 Irun, Spain. Send direct QSLs with SAE 1 IRC or 2 USDs. There will be E-mail

requests for Bureau QSLs. However, Bureau QSLs will be sent via the Bureau later. For more details and updates, visit the TI9K Web page at: <http://www.ti9.eu.com> (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 844, February 3, 2008, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. 25.1.08 || Due to technical difficulties R. Tangazeni Kristo has no further plans to operate on shortwave (WRTH update via DXLD) Was listed 4845, 300 watts, vs MAURITANIA (gh, DXLD)

** CONGO DR. Earthquake in Bukavu, Radio Kahuzi survives (so far)
Quoting from an e-mail received at 10 am Sunday morning, 2/3:

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE --- A quick phone call from the BESI/Radio Kahuzi office in CA reassured us that Richard, Kathy and the Radio Kahuzi transmitters are all intact.

Richard reported, i It happened about 2:30 A.M. CA time; 10:30 A.M. in Bukavu. We are having aftershocks every 20 minutes.î

Richard believes that Mt. Kahuzi Is becoming an active volcano. For now, they are safe but we would appreciate your prayers for the city of Bukavu and the Great Lakes Region.

Further updates will be posted to our blog.
<http://www.radiokahuzi.blogspot.com>

Keep Looking Up!

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760.598.1190 (via Bruce Churchill, CA, Feb 4, Cumbre DX via DXLD) [+
Reuters reports on the quake, q.v.]

Coincidentally, my wife and I had just visited Radio Kahuzi's home office in San Marcos CA yesterday (2/2) where I received a QSL card for a Nov 2 2007 reception of Radio Kahuzi from DX Tuner Johannesburg: only the second QSL I had ever received in person, the other one being from the same couple in September 2006. Thus far Radio Kahuzi [6210] has survived but the situation is quite perilous at the moment (Bruce Churchill, ibid.) Viz.:

QSL: Radio Kahuzi, 6210, DR of Congo in Bukavu with computer-generated card with full details, no signature direct from R. Kahuzi home office in San Marcos CA. Also included nice confirmation note from Rich and Kathy McDonald with artistic bird-tree design made from banana bark by members of one of the local Radio Kahuzi iradio clubs. Listeners use

Galcom SW radios tuned to 6210 with built-in solar panel. Very compact and rugged design and great idea for building a listener base. E-mail address is radiokahuzi @ sbcglobal.net and station blog is at <http://www.radiokahuzi.blogspot.com> Interesting photos of earthquake damage from Sundayis 6.0 tremor that hit the Eastern DR of Congo and Rwanda. QSL was from a November 2, 2007, reception from DX Tuner Johannesburg (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Radio Kahuzi komt goed door vanavond op 6210 kHz. 73 (Hugo Matten, Belgium, Feb 4, BDX via DXLD)

** CROATIA. VOICE OF CROATIA (GLAS HRVATSKE)
Croatian/Var. Days Area kHz
0555-0855 daily Eu 6165dea (ex 0500-0855)
1355-2155 daily Eu 6165dea (ex 0400-2310)
2155-0555 daily Eu 3985dea (ex 2315-0455)
(WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD)

** CUBA. Wondering where Arnie Coro is, having missed new DXers Unlimited shows the past few weeks? UT Feb 5 at 0630 I heard him on 11760 with a ``news update``, phoned-in as usual. But was it really news? If so, hardly breaking (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 1180, FLORIDA, (CLANDESTINE) Radio Martí, Marathon; 0400-0405 26 January, 2008. Martí theme sounder punching through two Rebelde signals (one with Rebelde FM, the other with 'standard' Rebelde), plus the 1181 modulated carrier jammer. Radio Martí ID and news summary (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, RadioShack Pro-60 handheld scanner, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 3279.9, LV del Napo, Tena 0611-0705+ 4 Feb. Possibly running AN [all-night] with Spanish/Quechua mix of songs, telephone interview, mention of a family conference in late February, a couple of echoing slogans sounding like "Radio María" into Ave Maria and possible Apostle's Creed past 0700 (WRTH2008 says LVdN airs Radio María del Ecuador programs), heard on rechecks past 1000 (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9250, Wadi el Nil (presumed), 2222-2300* Jan 28. Man announcer with Arabic long talk seeming hosting a program of traditional music. 5+1 time pips at 2230 followed by music fanfare and possible ID. Recitations prior to closedown. Fair reception at peak but deteriorating around 2336 [sic, 2236 presumably] becoming much weaker and deep fades by sign off (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire

essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** EGYPT. EGITO - As emissões em português da Rádio Cairo ocorrem entre 2215 e 2330, em 9360 kHz. A programação é constituída da seguinte forma: no início, sempre tem música oriental, síntese das principais notícias e notícias. Depois, a programação é específica, conforme os dias da semana.

Na segunda-feira, tem os segmentos Perguntas e Respostas, Comentário, Notas Egípcias, Panorama Cultural, Canários árabes e Minuto para o Egito;

nas terças-feiras: Turismo no Egito, Médio Oriente em Foco, A Sétima Arte, Canários árabes, Em Foco, Minutos Para o Egito;

nas quartas-feiras: O Islã, Comentário, Ecologia no Vale do Nilo, Conversando com os Ouvintes, O Egito na Internet e Minutos Para o Egito;

nas quintas-feiras: Atualidade, Comentário, Panorama Cultural, Clube Filatélico, Canários árabes e Minutos Para o Egito;

na sexta-feira: Versículos Corânicos, Recantos e Recordações, Canários Brasileiros, Canários árabes e Minutos Para o Egito;

nos sábados: O Egito na Internet, Comentário, Canários árabes, Rumo ao Futuro, Mulher Egípcia, Conversando com os Ouvintes e Em Foco;

nos domingos: O Esporte na Semana, A Imprensa Egípcia, As Canários da Semana, Revista Científica e Minutos Para o Egito.

Os contatos com a emissora podem ser feitos pelo e-mail:
Brazilian_prog @ egyptradio.tv (Célia Romais, Brasil, Panorama, @tividade DX Feb 3 via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, R Malabo on Feb 4 heard with nice S4 signal at 0603 tune ñ was not heard prior to 0545 but seems to fade in after that. News by man at 0603 with mentions of earthquake in DR of Congo (remote woman reporter) and other items, many with remote reports. Gave time, ID and news announcement at 0613. Female vocal with band 0627-0636, then into program of man and woman announcers with periodic highlife instrumental for a few seconds until 0648. After 0645 started slow fade to S3. On 2/5 in same time period, barely audible at 0600, so 2/4 was an unusually good opening. SINPO 44433 with periodic bothersome ute QRM, but not overly detrimental (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. UNIDENTIFIED. Re 8-014, 6030: Glenn, don't you hear any ID like "Radio Oromiya" at 40 seconds into the clip? Maybe they used VoTR programming just as a filler when this frequency started operation. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, now that you point it out; Ethiopian, anyway (gh, DXLD)

Thanks Glenn and Mauno, Now receiving on 6030 at 1737 UT, not parallel to V. of Tigray Revolution on 5950 kHz. Radio Oromiya new Clandestine station for Ethiopia? (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, ibid.)

25.1.08 || A station identifying itself as R. Oromiya has started operation on 6030 kHz. Monitored schedule 0400-0700, 1555-2100. V. of Tigray Revolution has been heard on 5950 kHz instead of 5960 (WRTH update via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ANDENET LEDEMOCRACY
Amharic Days Area kHz
1600-1700 ..w.f.s ETH 7560gri (ex 9445)
Transmissions have been temporarily suspended (from 15 January).

EPPF RADIO (VOICE OF PATRIOTS)
No transmissions on shortwave at time of compilation.

RADIO XORIYO
Somali Days Area kHz
1400-1430 .t...s. ETH 17875 (ex 9445, 1600-1630)

VOICE OF UNITY (TENSAE-ETHIOPIA)
No transmissions on shortwave at time of compilation.
(WRTH update Feb 4 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. DWL Amharic jamming
Mon Feb 4 1400-1457 UT jamming free on 11645 15620 15640 15660
Tue Feb 5 1400-1457 UT jamming on 11645 15640;
jamming free 15620 15660
73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6220.125, ITALY (PIRATE) Mystery Radio; 0640-0653 27 January, 2008. Pop oldies, Helen Reddy's vomit-inducing "I Am Woman" at 0647, canned "Mystery Radio, Mystery Radio" by male at 0653. Good(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, RadioShack Pro-60 handheld scanner, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. See IVORY COAST

** GREENLAND [non]. Remember IBC, a few years ago, which claimed to be broadcasting on SW from here? That's only the tip of the iceberg (gh)

SEC CHARGES BROADCASTER FOR MISREPRESENTATIONS

By Aaron Seward February 5, 2008

<http://www1.cchwallstreet.com/ws-portal/content/news/container.jsp?fn=02-05-08>

The SEC has filed an emergency injunctive action against Daryn Fleming, the former CEO of International Broadcasting Corporation, and Mathew Bruce, an agent of the company.

Based in Spokane, Washington, International Broadcasting is a news media company that broadcast radio network news over the internet and through local affiliate radio stations. One of its shows is iStock Talk LIVE, which is broadcast live to the public. On December 19, 2007, International Broadcasting changed its name to Copper King Mining Ventures.

The SEC claims that Fleming and Bruce violated federal securities laws by making misleading statements to International Broadcasting investors in press releases, as well as in comments made on air, and in company filings. The Commission's suit seeks disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, plus prejudgment interest and civil penalties. The suit also seeks permanent injunctions against Fleming and Bruce, along with officer and director bars against Fleming.

At the same time, the SEC settled a similar suit against International Broadcasting. In that settlement, the company consented to the entry of a permanent injunction against future violations of the federal securities laws.

According to the regulator's complaint, in early 2005 International Broadcasting stopped broadcasting over its satellite transmitter due to budgetary issues. That led to the loss of two local affiliate radio stations, WTMY and WWPR, who could no longer carry the company's signal. From that date on, International Broadcasting could only stream its content live over the internet.

In October 2005, Fleming issued an International Broadcasting press release, announcing that the company had acquired an AM radio affiliate, WIBQ-AM 1220 in Sarasota, Florida, to carry the company's internet radio programming. The press release quoted WIBQ station general manager Scott Jacobson ardently expressing his enthusiasm for the deal. It also claimed that WTMY and WWPR were still International Broadcasting affiliates.

Bruce, a Florida resident, provided Fleming with valuable information

for this press release, said the SEC. On the day of the release, International Broadcasting stock rose 50%. But the SEC said that the press release was false. WIBQ never played International Broadcasting programming, no one at WIBQ ever had any communications with anyone at International Broadcasting, and no one named Scott Jacobson worked at WIBQ, said the regulator.

On November 10, 2005, the complaint continues, Fleming and Bruce repeated the tactic, this time sending out a press release announcing the company's agreement with a 100,000 Watt FM radio affiliate, WTKS 104.1 FM in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The press release quoted WTKS program director Katherine Brown waxing eloquent about International Broadcasting's programming, and noted that the deal brought the company's affiliates up to four.

Again, the SEC said Bruce provided Fleming with valuable information for the release, and again the release's assertions were complete fabrications.

Following those lies, said the SEC, Fleming made verbal misrepresentations to company investors during live internet broadcasts of iStock Talk LIVE. These were on November 14, 16, and 28. On the final broadcast, Bruce joined Fleming on the air. But Bruce was providing Fleming with information for his broadcasts throughout, according to the Commission.

For example, on November 14 an International Broadcasting investor called in and said that Katherine Brown of WTKS told him that the November 10 press release was false. Fleming countered by saying that the press release was not false, and that the owners of the radio station mentioned in that press release had made a mistake. Fleming allegedly said that the miscommunication related to the fact that the station was in the process of being sold, a bold-faced lie, said the SEC.

Finally, International Broadcasting's Form 10-QSB filed on January 13, 2006, which was signed by Fleming, contained similar misrepresentations. It attempted to explain away the lies contained in the November 10 press release, stating that "The announcement was premature," but reinstating that the material events and quotes in that press release were correct as announced. (via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

** GUINEA. CHINA HANDS OVER RENOVATED BROADCASTING HOUSE TO GUINEAN GOVERNMENT | Excerpt from report by Guineenews website, based in Canada but with editorial team in Guinea, on 1 February

After nine months of suspension in operations due to the crash landing of the Mig 21 of the air force, which occurred on 16 April, 2007, the

RTG [Guinea Radio and Television service] House has resumed operations thanks to Chinese co-operation.

This morning [1 February], the compound of the premises the new broadcasting house served as the venue for the handing-over of keys to the Guinean government in the presence of officials and the technicians of the Information Ministry and the NTIC [New Information and Communications Technologies].

Many officials and technicians expressed their satisfaction with the quality of renovation works of this station whose damage had created much fright in the workers.

It will be recalled that since the destruction of the installations of this house, the Chinese government had been involved in the restoration of all parts of the building which were damaged to ensure the normal resumption of transmission of this building inaugurated on 2 October, 2007.

Handing over RTG Koloma to the Guinean State this Friday 1 February, the Chinese government demonstrated the excellent relations of friendship and co-operation between the two countries which dates back to independence of Guinea.

In addition, after the renovation of this house, people had not stopped talking about maintenance of its installations which include the state-of-the-art equipment and elevators which must always be maintained for their proper operation. [Passage omitted] Source: Guineenews website in French 0000 gmt 1 Feb 08 (via BBCM via DXLD)

7125 meanwhile has been heard sporadically (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. 25.1.08 || AIR Aligarh is back on 9470 with National Channel in parallel with Bengaluru 9425. AIR Ranchi 4960 & 5985 operate irregularly (WRTH update via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3578.732, 26.1 1425, Radio Siaran Pemerintah Kabupaten, Ngada, also this one on the island of Flores. Music but QRM from amateurs. 2 SA (Stig Adolfsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translation of item in 8-014 by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4750, (Sulawesi), RRI ≠ Makassar, 2143-2232 tune out Jan 27. Music program until Song of the Coconut Islands; RRI ID and Jakarta news with several IDs during the news program, National news at 2206. News ended at 2212 followed by local ID and music programming. Poor to fair at tune in with CODAR QRM but signal steadily improved to good during the news. Quite enjoyable (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340

and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 11785.0, Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta-Cimanggis, 1701-1755, Feb 5, multi-language ID for the VOI program in Spanish, ballads, Middle Eastern type music, poor-fair, surprised to find them on frequency (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Tonight now on 11784.96, Feb 5th, 1840 UT, nothing on 9526v. On Saturday Feb 2nd, odd 11784.94. Noted VOI 1500 UT on odd 11784.94 in Arabic !! (scheduled 1600 UT) and WHRI English underneath too, but even 11785.00. Feb 2nd. 11785 terrible mess previously till 1459 UT IBB UdornThani and seldom heard jamming: 4 same words repeated again, again, and again (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX Feb 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. Re 'ACROSS THE UNIVERSE' TO BE BEAMED ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

NASA and the JPL have cooked up one of their quirky stunts; this time they're going to broadcast the Beatles song 'Across the Universe' to Polaris, a distance of 431 light years. Here's the JPL press release for this event, which will take place tomorrow [Feb 4]:
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release=2008-019>
(Curtis Sadowski, IL, Feb 3, WTFDA via DXLD)

Well, the broadcast is 40 minutes away, at 1900 EST, and I've been trying to find out what frequencies that outbound broadcast will be on -- DX-wise. Dare I hope that UHF channel 37 (608-614 MHz) will finally gave some DX on it? I'm guessing that the three transmitters at Canberra, Madrid, and Goldstone CA, will be used. For those of you getting the NASA channel on cable, it will be televised starting 1855 Eastern Time. If I get any late breaking factual information on this within the next 40-min, I'll shoot it out as a DX alert (Les Prus, Alexandria, VA, *ibid.*)

It was just announced on NASA TV that Madrid Spain is the site that will be used (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, 2358 UT Feb 4, *ibid.*)

A follow-up. The broadcast was said to be coded in MP3 digital format and transmitted only from the Madrid transmitter, uplink at 7190 MHz, digital (Les Prus, Alexandria VA, Feb 5, *ibid.*) The Universe knows about mp3? (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. SATELLITE SPOTTERS GLIMPSE SECRETS, AND TELL THEM --- By JOHN SCHWARTZ, SCIENCE / SPACE & COSMOS | February 5, 2008

Hobbyists uncover some of the deepest of the government's secrets and share them on the Internet. . .
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/05/science/space/05spotters.html?ex=1202878800&en=02bdff11c474711b&ei=5070&emc=eta1>
(via Jim Renfrew, WTFDA via DXLD)

** IRAN. IRIB in Arabic noted on an unstable 6066.6 kHz --- nominal 6065 kHz --- at 0125 GMT on 5 Feb 2008.
http://www.dxradio.co.uk/audio/6066.6_IRIB_0125_5feb08.mp3
The transmitter was hopping around a bit, but most of the time was on 6066.60 kHz according to the AOR7030+ (Mark Hattam, UK, harmonics yg via DXLD)

Depends which of the transmitters at Sirjan site is in use. Odd unit is not on air every day. 73 wb [cf previous report:]

IRAN/SWEDEN 6066.10 R Sweden in Swedish from Horby at 1900-1930 UT is heavily disturbed by fading away signal from IRIB Sirjan tx site 500 kW 295 degrees in Arabic language. Iran 6066.09 at 2305 UT. Jan 14 (wb, wwdxc BC-DX Jan 14, 2008) (Wolfgang B,schel, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** IRELAND. UCB Ireland proposes to use the RTE Transmitter site at Tullamore, Co Offaly, which becomes available at the end of 2008 when RTE Radio 1 ceases transmitting on AM. This site is already coordinated for 567 kHz and could, with agreement from the RTE Authority, provide quasi-national coverage of Ireland. In the event of this not being possible, UCB Ireland has been advised by RTE NL [?] that the site could be re-coordinated for 612 kHz and provide similar coverage. Source: http://www.bci.ie/documents/ucb_7.pdf

(Tom DF5JL Kamp, 53881 Euskirchen-Schweinheim, Germany, Homepage: <http://radioskala.blogspot.com> Feb 4, HCDX via DXLD)

UCB = United Christian Broadcasters. Scandalous; a public broadcaster, (almost) religion-free, possibly giving away its spectrum to gospel huxters, and UCB isn't even Catholic, is it? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** IVORY COAST. AFP reports RFI has "deplored" the decision of Ivory Coast authorities to suspend rebroadcasts of RFI because it doesn't have a correspondent in the country. RFI's president said it was a disproportionate action to take because of delays in reopening an RFI bureau in Abidjan. The National Council of Audiovisual Communication today suspended "until further notice" the broadcasting of any RFI programming within the country (Mike Cooper, Feb 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. VOICE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR FREEDOM MOVEMENT: The only

broadcast heard at time of compilation is between 0245-0415 on 3975 kHz (WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. PAKISTAN. 25.1.08 || PBCis Azad Kashmir R. Trarkhel service has been heard on 3975 between 1445-1815 alternating with 4790. News & Current Affairs channel is now on 4835 instead of former 5080 (WRTH update via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. --- New entry -- NORTH KOREA REFORM RADIO
Addr: Samsung-dong, Kangnam-gu, Seoul 135090, Republic of Korea.
Tel.: +82 1 22426512 .. +81 2 64426512 Email: nkreform @ naver.net
Web: <http://www.nkreform.net> <http://www.nkreform.com>
Korean Days Area kHz
1200-1230 daily KRE 9630tai
On the air since December 2007 (WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UK (non) Changes of VT Communications Relays
Radio Free Chosun in Korean to North Korea:
1200-1300 on 9950 ERV 300 kW / 065 deg, ex NVS 250 kW / 085 deg

Free North Korea Radio in Korean to North Korea:
2000-2030 on 7510 ERV 300 kW / 065 deg, ex NVS 250 kW / 085 deg

Open Radio for North Korea in Korean daily to North Korea:
2100-2200 NF 7510 ERV 300 kW / 065 deg, ex 1100-1200 9930 WHR 100 kW
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 4 via DXLD)

Re 8-014, Open Radio for North Korea: I received ORNK 9930 kHz via KWHR on today at 1100 to 1200. Addition service from 2100-2200 on 7510 kHz? de S. Aoki

4 Feb. was not received ORNK via KWHR-9930 kHz at 1100-1200 UT,
finished with Feb 1. de S. Aoki (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC-HQ, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11530, UKRAINE. Denge Mezopotamia (Simferopol`),
1403-1408, 2/3/08, in Kurdish. Kurdish music, "Denge Mezopotamia"
after song, then continued talk - mention of "Kurdeesh Democratica"
(phonetic) Fair. Reported to have changed transmitter sites (Mark
Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Eton E1, Grundig Sat 800 & G4000; 110'
random wire, Eavesdropper, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Re 8-014, V. of Kurdistan: Glenn, Made a mistake
on the KDP Europe address, should read: P. O. Box 301 516, D-10749
Berlin, Germany. Full contact details are at:
<http://www.kdp.se/?do=contact>
(Mike Barracough, Feb 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. HMONG LAO RADIO
Hmong Days Area kHz
0100-0200 ...t..s SEA 15260tai (add)
1300-1400ss NAm, SEA 11785hri (del)
(WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD) Yes, delete 1300, but continues at 1400-
1500 during winter time (gh, DXLD)

** LAOS [non]. New entry: HAIV HMOOB RADIO
Address: 1300 Godward Ave, Suite 6900, Minneapolis, MN 55413, USA
Tel.: +1 651 8084647 Web: <http://www.haivhmoobradio.com>

Schedule February 2008
Hmong Days Area kHz
0100-0130 .t..... EAs, SEA 15260tai
For Hmong listeners in China, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam
(WRTH update Feb 4 via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 4760, ELWA, Monrovia, 0711-0725+ 4 Feb. Christian contemp-pop, call-letter ID at 0714, syndicated "Guidelines" program to 0720, WAfr-sounding hymn with reggae beat past 0725 as signal slid into the noise (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. Problem with R. Vilnius podcast webpage

Error at R. Vilnius podcast page for several days.
<http://www.lrt.lt/prenumerata/podcast.php?chid=234933&secid=2&flt=7345>

Both IE and Firefox do not like the ampersand in the <title> tag.
XML Parsing Error: not well-formed
Location:
<http://www.lrt.lt/prenumerata/podcast.php?chid=234933&secid=2&flt=7345>
Line Number 5, Column 48: <title>Lietuvos radijas: Radio Vilnius: News
& Current Affairs </title>

The ampersand, for html purposes, should be & I'd email R.
Vilnius, but I never get a reply when I do. 73, Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist,
Manassas, VA USA, Feb 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This site is very tricky! Keep your eyes wide open, and try these links:

- 1, go to <http://www.lrt.lt/archyvas/>
- 2, click on LR (out left)
- 3, Under the HEADING 'Kategorijas" click on Laidos.
- 4, Now, out right under the HEADING Irasai you see Laidos and a drop-down menu.
- 5, Choose "Radio Vilnius: News and current affairs"
- 6, Finally, choose the date and click the play-arrow on the player!

This is not podcast, but on demand audio. Better than nothing? Good luck & [sic] 73, (Erik K-ie (OZ3YI) in Copenhagen, ibid.)

** MEXICO. 9599 kHz, Radio UNAM, at 1402 UT Feb 3 with modern classical orchestral music, YL ID with iUDs. sintonizan Radio UNAM (pronounced i000-nahmî) ide Ciudad de MÈxico,î three IDs in brief talk, back to more classical music at 1408. Poor with SINPO 34222, deep fades, poorly modulated voice. This is the first time I had managed to hear this one (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400 PE with external long wire, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XLNC(FM), 90.7 MHZ, IS TESTING ON 104.9 MHZ --- Extract from XLNC's Web page: <http://www.xlnc1.org/faqnewfreq.htm>

"1/30/08 -- Testing, Testing, 1, 2, 3ö Recently, you may have tuned to 104.9 FM and heard classical music. You are hearing tests that we need to run before we switch to the new frequency. Our engineers are working on the antenna panels to achieve the best reception for the region and we should be moving to 104.9 FM soon. Stay tuned to 90.7 FM for updates about our progress." XLNC indicates that its new TX is located on Cerro Bola (near Tecate).

We note that 104.9 MHz is not authorized for use anywhere in Baja California North according to FCC's FM Query page, but hopefully that's just an oversight on the part of the Commission (CGC Communicator Feb 4 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 25.1.08 || Mongolian R. 2nd program on 7260 signs off at 1500. News in English: 0835-0845 on Tues/Thurs and in Russian: 0835-0845 on Mon/Wed/Fri. 1st program relays V of Russia in Mongolian between 1230-1300 (WRTH update via DXLD)

VOICE OF MONGOLIA
Revised Schedule
English Days Area kHz
0930-1000 daily As 12085uba
1530-1600 daily As 12085uba ****
Japanese
0800-0830 daily As 12085uba
1500-1530 daily As 12085uba
Mandarin
0900-0930 daily As 990uba, 12085uba
1030-1100 daily As 990uba, 12085uba
Mongolian
0830-0900 daily As 990uba, 12085uba
1000-1030 daily As 990uba, 12085uba
(WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD) So there still is a second English

broadcast, ex-1500 now at 1530 (gh, DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 25.1.08 || Myanma R. Padauk Myay program is carried on 594 and 5986 & FM between 2240-0230 (WRTH update via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5040.6v, Radio Myanmar, 1139-1216 Jan 29. "Interesting" program of continuous English language western pop vocals including "There Will Never Be Another You" not the usual haunting local vocals and flute melodies I enjoy from this station. Talk by woman announcer at 1159 in Burmese before march type music segment until 1200 She returned with more talk before returning to music. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashesheet via DXLD)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 5985.83, Myanma Radio, 1430-1600*, Feb 5, just after Shiokaze signed-off at 1430 heard start of an English lesson, "International English" program presented by David and YL, "My name is David. My name is Ö" "Where are you from? I am from India", question repeated many times with different responses (U.S., Japan, Brazil, etc.), vocabulary given (cinema, hotel, restaurant, etc.), played some music (Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance", etc.), in the past I have also noted a similar program on 5040.6. At 1514 usual marching music, local time given, news in English (several mentions of the State Peace and Development Council and the Ministry of Defense, etc.), weather for Myanmar and Myanmar waters, "That was the news from Myanma Radio, Yangon", slogans about development given over indigenous music, long segment of non-stop EZL instrumental music, before sign-off titles of music given, played National Anthem, fair-poor, after 1445 bothered by a het, after 1500 splatter from strong station on 5980. Not often that I hear them with decent reception (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEPAL. NEPAL GETS ITS FIRST ALL WOMEN PRIVATE RADIO
<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/001200802041723.htm>

Kathmandu (PTI): A private FM radio fully operated by women has been established in the industrial town of Biratnagar in eastern Nepal. Purvanchal FM station is the first community-run radio in Nepal that has started broadcasting an eight-hour daily transmission with all women employees, officials said. A total of 24 women, working in the ranks ranging from guards to station manager, have put in serious hardwork to make the FM channel a reality. "Of the total women employees, 11 are working in the news section and four are technicians," station manager Kamala Kandel said. The FM is currently broadcasting news in Maithili, Chaudhary, Santhal and Nepali languages in its morning and evening schedules. A plan to broadcast news in local Urrau and Rajbansi dialects is also being considered, Kandel

said. The FM station has a seven-member all women management committee. There are over one hundred FM stations operating in different parts of the Himalayan country (via Mukesh Kumar, The Cosmos Club, Muzaffarpur, INDIA, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI, 17675 analog, coming in well, Feb 4 at 2045 with report about Maori activities, but transmitter cut off in the middle of a sentence at 2050! In previous schedules, this has been a frequency change time, so figured they were still doing it, with no regard for programming in progress, but checking current schedule, not so, supposed to continue. I looked for 15720, but nothing there either. When I got back to 17675 at 2055, a much weaker signal was there, presumably RNZI. Transmitter problem? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705, Voix du Sahel (Niamey) (tentative), 1712-1745, 2/1/08, in Arabic, French, and possibly a local language. Primarily a pair of announcers, but speaking in at least 3 languages. Several mentions of Niamey and Sahel, but no ID I could understand. Poor (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Eton E1, Grundig Sat 800 & G4000; 110' random wire, Eavesdropper, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. A LITTLE NORMAN HISTORY --- Sun February 3, 2008
<http://newsok.com/article/3200080/1201988370>

KGOU program director Jim Johnson works on a promotion at the radio station's new studio in the University of Oklahoma's Copeland Hall. Johnson started as a student volunteer in 1991 and recently helped celebrate the station's 25 years of public radio. BY STEVE GOOCH, THE OKLAHOMAN [caption] --- By James S. Tyree Staff Writer

NORMAN ó Bill Edwards, a television news photographer in Topeka, Kan., traces his broadcast journalism roots to his time in Norman. He started at KGOU, the University of Oklahoma radio station, where he once read weather reports and ripped news bulletins off teletype machines.

The station recently marked its 25th anniversary of public radio with a reunion of past and present staffers and a visit from Ken Stern, chief executive officer of National Public Radio.

Edwards was eager to visit former classmates and colleagues on the old stomping grounds.

"It was great for me, i said Edwards, KGOU's news director in the early 1980s. "My career track was in broadcast, but availability for space and equipment was behind the times. I couldn't even get a TV news course. So until I got a part-time job at Channel 4, everything news-

related that I got was at the radio station.î

Stern, KGOU alumni and other visitors marveled at the station's 4,400-square-foot home at Copeland Hall, complete with all-new digital equipment, which opened in November 2006. It was a far cry from the old quarters at Kaufman Hall that were a third the size.

Rock origins

KGOU broadcasts at 106.3 FM in Norman and as KROU 105.7 FM in Oklahoma City. It also can be heard at 103.1 FM in Seminole and 98.1 FM in Ada. KGOU started as a commercial rock station in 1970, soon after the university sold WNAD ó a station that traces its beginning to 1922 and eventually became WWLS.

The station received its public radio license effective Jan. 1, 1983, and has remained a public station since then. General Manager Karen Holp has been at KGOU for 190 years.

The new studio symbolizes the station's growth, which Holp said was slow but steady. "We had to grow the quality of our programming, which grew the quantity of our audience, which drove more donations from our audience, which went to the new studio,î she said.

Holp said the \$850,000 move was necessary because the station's equipment and infrastructure were nearly 25 years old ó practically prehistoric in technology timelines ó and the old studio was too small.

The station also got bigger on the airwaves by starting 24-hour broadcasting in August. It offers programming from National Public Radio and, for its new overnight hours, BBC World Service. But local content and its training and career opportunities are what set KGOU apart.

Career boost

Dick Pryor, deputy director of OETA, has been with the Oklahoma public television network for 17 years. His career would not have developed, he said, if not for the radio station.

"There were a lot of students there who may not have planned to go into broadcasting but did because of their experience at KGOU,î he said. "I was one of them; I was an accounting major and had planned to go into that.î Pryor did shows and sportscasts there in the 1970s, when it was a commercial station.

Still, he said, the station gave students the opportunity to succeed ó

or fail ó and to learn from those experiences. "We learned on the job, and it was fairly forgiving, which was good, because we really did have to learn on the spot,î he said.

Jim Johnson was a KGOU student volunteer in 1991; now he is the station's program director. He joined because of his love of blues music, and the chance to spin those records and interview musicians was too good to pass up.

A highlight was calling Robert Lockwood Jr., the great Southern blues guitarist who died in 2006 at age 91. "I got to introduce him to the audience, in a sense, and having the privilege of being that conduit was amazing,î he said.

Johnson could have gone elsewhere when he graduated but decided to stay with KGOU because it offers disc jockeys more freedom. Even as program director, which gives Johnson significant say in content, he still believes the "deejay knows best about which music to play for the audience.î

With his daily duties of scheduling, overseeing programming and teaching students, the reunion allowed Johnson to step back and see the wider effect of KGOU. "A sense of accomplishment certainly came to us,î Johnson said. "It's been a privilege, and you realize that a lot of people have kept this place running, both staff and listeners.î
(via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

Pryor left OETA last year to become press secretary to OK Lt Governor Jari Askins, but that apparently did not last long, and he was soon seen again on OETA tho not as a regular anchor of the news. OETA also attracted Mark Norman, GM of KCCU public radio in Lawton, into a management position (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 25.1.08 || All NBC Karai Network shortwave transmitters are currently off the air, but 4890 is expected to reactivate (WRTH update via DXLD) Karai = Port Moresby outlets, and regional stations listed on 49m, none heard for ages (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 25.1.08 || R. Manantial is a new station from Huancayo with 1 kW on 4991 kHz. Their web page is: <http://radiomanantial.pe.nu>
(WRTH update via DXLD)

4990.8, Radio Manantial (tentative), 1104-1139 fade out Jan 29. Rustic OA vocal followed by a long talk by a man announcer in Spanish with greetings to listeners and TC that fits Peru. Some talk had a bad echo/reverb effect which hurt audibility. More vocals at 1127. May have opened around 1100 since nothing there in earlier checks. Needs a better OA morning for an ID. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State

Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** POLAND [non]. 9450 kHz [via GERMANY], Polish Radio, at 1307 UT Feb 3, with program *iEurope East* and feature items on Eastern Europe, including controversy of plans for a radioactive waste site in Lithuania a few km from Belarus and Latvia; Then *iIn Touch*, a program with answers to listeners' questions on Poland with discussion of homeopathic medicine in Poland and high cost of pharmaceuticals. Off with ID at 1358 and brief rock music. SINPO 44323 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400 PE with external long wire, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. U.K.(non) Updated B-07 schedule of FEBA Radio:

to East Africa, Ethiopia, Sudan

1530-1545 on 12125 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg in Amharic

1545-1600 on 12125 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg in Makonde

1600-1630 on 12125 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg in Amharic Thu-Sun

1600-1630 on 12125 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg in Guragena Mon-Wed

1630-1700 on 12125 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg in Amharic

1600-1630 on 11875 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg in Afar

1630-1700 on 9850 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg in Tigrinya Sun-Wed

1630-1700 on 9850 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg in Amharic Thu-Sat

1700-1730 NF 9590 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg in Somali, ex 9830

1730-1800 NF 9590 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg in Tigrinya, ex 9830

1700-1730 on 6180 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg in Orominya

1830-1900 on 7160 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg in French to WeCeAf

2145-2215 on 11985 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg in Hassinya to WeAf Thu/Fri

to Middle East

0600-0645 on 6125 DHA 250 kW / 300 deg in Malayalam Fri

0645-0730 on 6125 DHA 250 kW / 300 deg in Tamil Fri

0800-0845 on 15220 MOS 300 kW / 115 deg in Arabic

1900-1930 on 7235 WER 250 kW / 105 deg in Arabic

1900-2030 on 9550 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg in Arabic

to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran

0200-0300 on 9885 NVS 250 kW / 195 deg in Urdu

0200-0230 on 6125 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg in Pashto

0230-0300 on 6125 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg in Dari
0230-0300 on 7220 SAM 250 kW / 140 deg in Dari
0230-0245 on 6185 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Pashto
0245-0300 on 6185 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Balichi Sun-Tue
0245-0300 on 6185 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Sindhi Wed/Thu

0300-0330 on 11995 ARM 200 kW / 104 deg in Pashto

1400-1500 on 7150 NVS 250 kW / 195 deg in Urdu

1430-1500 on 7250 ARM 200 kW / 104 deg in Pashto
1500-1530 on 7250 ARM 200 kW / 104 deg in Dari
1530-1600 on 7250 ARM 200 kW / 104 deg in Hazaragi

1630-1700 on 7345 MSK 250 kW / 159 deg in Persian

to South India

0100-0130 on 5940 ERV 100 kW / 125 deg in Tamil

0130-0200 on 6140 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg in Telugu

1400-1430 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Malayalam Tue-Sun
1400-1415 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Malayalam Mon
1415-1445 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in English Mon
1430-1445 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in English Tue/Wed/Fri
1430-1445 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Lambadi Thu
1430-1445 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Konkani Sat
1430-1500 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Kannada Sun
1445-1500 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Kannada Mon/Tue/Thu-Sat
1445-1500 on 12045 DHA 250 kW / 110 deg in Tulu Wed

to North India, Nepal, Tibet

0015-0030 on 7375 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Bangla
0030-0100 on 7375 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Hindi Sun
0030-0045 on 7375 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Bangla Mon-Thu
0030-0045 on 7375 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Bhojpuri Fri/Sat

0100-0115 on 7110 NVS 250 kW / 195 deg in Hindi

0115-0130 on 7110 NVS 250 kW / 195 deg in Marathi

1200-1230 on 15180 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg in Tibetan

1300-1315 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Nepali Sun/Tue
1300-1315 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Oriya Mon/Thu
1300-1315 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Santhali Wed
1300-1315 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Mundari Fri

1300-1315 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Chattisgarhi Sat
1315-1330 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Chattisgarhi Wed
1315-1330 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Bangla Fri-Tue
1315-1330 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Maithili Thu
1330-1345 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Punjabi Sun/Wed/Thu
1330-1345 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Kangri Mon
1330-1345 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Bhili Tue
1330-1345 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Brij Basha Fri
1330-1345 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Marwari Sat
1345-1400 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Gujarati Sun-Tue
1345-1400 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg in Kashmiri Wed-Sat

1400-1415 on 7365 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Urdu Sun-Thu
1400-1415 on 7365 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Hindi Fri/Sat
1415-1500 on 7365 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Hindi

1500-1530 on 7370 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg in Bangla
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 4 via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. INTERACTIVE RADIO PROGRAMME FOR SOMALIS (IRIS):
Shortwave transmissions temporarily suspended (WRTH Feb 4 update via
DXLD) See WRTH 2008 page 490 for more info, schedule. Included
Mustaqbal program, another EDC (USG) effort, via RSA, UAE. Wasn't this
supposedly for the Ogaden of ETHIOPIA, not especially Somalia? (gh)

** SPAIN. See INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, 1254-1325 Jan 28. Program of Hindi vocals to 5+1 time pips at 1300 followed by ID and news in Hindi language. Return to music programming with female host and flute music and Hindi vocals. Weak but clear (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 25.1.08 || SRTC uses 7200 also between 1500-2100 instead of the former 9505 kHz. A new program, R. As-Salam (Peace) is carried via the 963 kHz transmitter (WRTH update via DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, 0448-0525 Jan 28. Elton John vocal ("Candle in the Wind"). ID by a group of children at 0500 followed by a continuation of non-stop soft rock vocals including Paul McCartney and "My Love Does It Good." Poor to fair signal with very slight CODAR splatter (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Radio Sweden's German service on MW 1179, SW 6065 and local Stockholm FM ends after 69 years in service on March 29, 2008
Radio Schweden-Homepage: http://www.sr.se/rs/red/ind_tys.html

Radio Schweden --- Die Sendung am 4. Februar 2008
SCHLUSS FUER RADIO SCHWEDEN-PROGRAMM

Nach 69 Jahren ist Schluss: Die halbstuendigen Rundfunkprogramme von Radio Schweden, die bisher auf Kurz- und Mittelwelle (sowie auf UKW in Stockholm) ausgestrahlt werden und auch im Internet zu hoeren sind, werden zum 1. April eingestellt. Es wird nur mehr Nachrichten im Internet und eine minimale Podcast-Variante geben. Was ist der Grund? Gespraech mit Ingemar Loefgren, Chef von SR International, dem Auslandsprogramm des Schwedischen Rundfunks. Anne Rentzscher (via Wolfgang Bischel, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looking at the equivalent page in English, nothing about a closure there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RADIO SWEDEN TO END ITS GERMAN SERVICE AFTER 69 YEARS

Radio Sweden has confirmed that its German service, which has been on the air for 69 years, will close at the end of March. Within international broadcasting, some languages, including German, have had a breakthrough on the Web and through podcasting, but the number of listeners, especially on shortwave, has dropped dramatically in recent years.

It is this development which has figured in the decision of Swedish Radio management to suspend German broadcasts on shortwave and mediumwave. SR International retains, however, German for a basic service of news on the Web and as a Monday to Friday podcast. English is not affected and not in danger of being taken off the air. (Source: George Wood, Radio Sweden)(February 4th, 2008 by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD) see also IRAN

** SWEDEN. Test transmission of SAQ-17.2 kHz. I found this in another group: A test transmission of SAQ will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008 at 1000 UT, (11:00 local time) on 17.2 kHz. The duration inclusive start-up will be approx. 1 hour. Listener reports can be sent to : info @ alexander.n.se 73, (Ary Boender, Netherlands, BDX via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. Radio Taiwan International will broadcast Chinese New Year specials in place of the news on February 6-8. Join the hosts of RTI to find out how they will be celebrating the Year of the Rat, and for a look at some delicious holiday foods! Also, tune in on February 8 for a radio play : The Mouse Bride.

Schedule for English language transmissions:

0100-0200 daily SeA 11875
0200-0300 daily cNAm 9680
0200-0300 daily NeAm 5950
0300-0400 daily SeA 15320
0300-0400 daily SAm 15215
0300-0400 daily NwAm 5950
0700-0800 daily NwAm 5950
1100-1200 daily SeA 7445
1100-1200 daily SeA 11715
1100-1200 Thurs CHN 747
1100-1200 Thurs CHN 1422
1200-1300 Fri WEU 9750 Rampisham 35 (DRM)
1600-1700 daily SeA 9785 Issoudun 500
1600-1700 daily CHN, SAs 11550
1700-1800 daily Af 11850 Issoudun 500
1800-1900 daily WEU 3965 Issoudun 250
2200-2300 daily EU 9355
(via Alokesha Gupta, New Delhi, India, Feb 4, DXLD)

Guess I am as ready for the YOT Rat as I will ever be, finally having seen Ratatouille (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 25.1.08 || Fu Hsing BC, Kuanyin has replaced 5995 with 15375 kHz (WRTH update via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 25.1.08 || Tajik R. First program uses on SW only 4635 kHz between 2300-2000 and no more 7245 (WRTH update via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4976, Radio Uganda, *0216-0238 Jan 29. Open suddenly putting a het on [4974.8, PERU] Radio del Pacifico with man announcer speaking local languages and English taking phone calls from listeners urging them to "wake up ...God Bless ... Hello, good morning to you... 20 minutes after five, wake up." Fair to good (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 30, Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a 40-foot wire essentially north for the E1, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** U K. Since the BBC World Service seems to force listeners in this part of the world to seek their internet stream, why settle for the gravy when you can enjoy the steak. All BBC radio services are available online, and on demand for seven days after broadcast. Once you figure your way around all the stations and programs, It is like a giant smorgasbord of entertainment.

You can load up your plate with any number of entertaining radio programs at your leisure. Some of my favourites, include A String of

Pearls on BBC Radio Wales; A Short History of Ireland, a history series that used to run on BBC Northern Ireland; 6 Music Plays it Again ñ a daily music documentary from the BBC Archives aired in the UK at 3 am; some of the wonderful music programs on Radio 2 and 3; and of all, in my opinion, the jewel in the crown is BBC 7.

BBC 7 brings you some of the best of the BBC Archives, classic comedy such as Just A Minute, often including the late Kenneth Williams, I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again with a very young John Cleese, The Navy Lark, and Hancock's Half Hour. The BBC also, often made radio versions of their popular television programs, so viewers of the Britcoms on WNED in Buffalo for instance, can hear radio versions of such programs as Yes, Minister, To the Manner Born and my all time favourite, Dad's Army. You can also hear classic drama, from Brontë to Dickens to Wyndham, Sci-Fi, murder mysteries, you name it. And 4 hours a day of programming geared to children. Get to know the BBC iPlayer. Truly man's best friend. OK, second best. Sorry Shadow (Fred Waterer, Ont., Programming Matters, Feb ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

** U K. Channel 4: 3 Minute Wonder: Making Waves (7.55 p.m this week) Just spotted that Channel 4, 3 Minute Wonder at 7.55 p.m. this week has a radio theme:

Monday: DJ Pete Price deals with some of Liverpool's bizarre late-night callers

Tuesday: A Catholic priest reflects on his radio show

Wednesday: A DJ talks about his relationship with a caller

Thursday: An eccentric musician who specialises in jingles

All four programmes are now available for online viewing:

<http://www.channel4.com/culture/microsites/0-9/3mw/>

(Mike Barraclough, England, worldxclub yg via DXLD) Limited to UK?

** U S A [non]. Frequency change for WYFR Family Radio in Punjabi

1400-1600 NF 6090 SAM 250 kW / 117 deg, ex 5900

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 4 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Some IBB changes, all new frequencies:

0130-0230 17820 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg RFA Burmese, additional frequency

0300-0330 7380 MOR 250 kW / 124 deg VOA Swahili Mon-Fri >> new txion

0300-0330 9440 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg VOA Swahili Mon-Fri >> new txion

1300-1400 7455 IRA 250 kW / 332 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 9390

1300-1500 7495 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 11510

1300-1500 9370 IRA 250 kW / 348 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, additional

1330-1430 9670 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg RFA Burmese, additional frequency

1400-1500 7455@IRA 250 kW / 315 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 9390#

1500-1600 5835 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 11865

1500-1600 7495 IRA 250 kW / 348 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 11510

1500-1600 9370 TIN 250 kW / 304 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, add'l
1500-1600 11525 KWT 250 kW / 094 deg VOA English, ex 11510 Iranawilla
1600-1700 5835 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 11525
1600-1700 7495 UDO 250 kW / 308 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 9310
1600-1700 9370 TIN 250 kW / 304 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, add'l
1600-1700 11605 MOR 250 kW / 075 deg RL N Caucasus langs, ex 9485*
1700-1800 7495 UDO 250 kW / 308 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 9310
1700-1900 9370 IRA 250 kW / 348 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, add'l
1800-1900 11575 UDO 250 kW / 276 deg VOA Amharic, additional frequency
1800-1900 7495 UDO 250 kW / 308 deg VOA Deewa Radio Pashto, ex 9310
@ co-ch FEBC in Mandarin from 1430
to avoid Kol Israel in Hebrew
* to avoid WYFR in Urdu (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 4 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 13615, MOROCCO, VOA, 1620, 02/02/08, English. Business English lessons, then a world news bulletin followed by a look at George Bush's State of the Union address in Special English, providing a rich opportunity for making sarcastic log comments if one desired to. Strong echo effect. Fair (Mark Schiefelbein, Springfield, MO, Kenwood R-5000/Eton E1, Wellbrook 330S loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. US ALLOTS \$699 MILLION FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

The US budget for fiscal year 2009 announced on Monday allots \$699 million for international broadcasting into countries like North Korea, Yonhap News reported today. The budget for the State Department requests \$699 million for the Broadcasting Board of Governors to provide accurate and objective news and information about the United States.

The broadcasts will be made through television, radio and the Internet throughout the Middle East and to people living under tyranny in North Korea, Burma, Iran and Cuba, according to the budget summary. The 2009 fiscal year begins on 1 October. (Source: Korea Times) (February 5th, 2008 by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A. Studio DX on WRMI --- Studio DX is now on the air (1530 UT) [Monday Feb 4] on 7385 kHz. <http://www.studiode.net> (Roberto Scaglione, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) In Italian

** U S A. WRMI has a new program schedule grid revised Feb 4 at:
<http://www.wrmi.net/images/wrmichart.xls>

From that we extract times shown for DX and some other programs:

{this has been removed from this issue, due to a number of errors; corrected version appears in 8-016}

I hope I got all these right, copied down by hand from the grid and rearranged (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. What's not to like about Unshackled? Tue Feb 5 at 1332, that show on a weak WWCR 15825 signal had some bubble-type jamming pulsing 4 or 5 times a second with frequency shift, also centered on 15825 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Sunday Afternoon "Surprise" Log (Feb 3, 2008)

After my wife and I got home from church, I decided to take advantage of some free time and lay down. Seeing my Royal 705 on the nightstand next to my bed, I picked it up and started tuning around. I never cease to be amazed by this little radio!

I was listening to KNTH-1070, getting more and more bored with their Sunday afternoon vitamin programming, so I tuned up [sic] just a little and - WOW! - I heard Russian language programming from the VOA! This was around 1357 CST.

I quickly jumped up, tried to find my 2008 WRTH, thinking it might be my very first TP reception (how foolish!!), but before I could locate it, I heard the station ID - "KCHN 1050, Brookshire, TX."

I remembered that KCHN has brokered programming, but it's usually either in Chinese or Vietnamese. I never knew they had Russian from the VOA!

So, if you're REALLY up for a DX challenge, listen to 1050 kHz on Sunday afternoons from 1300-1500 CST for Russian language programming and VOA IDs. KCHN uses 410 watts! Their pattern can be seen here:
http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/554142-73011.pdf
73 & Great DX!! Steve N5WBI. Houston TX - EL29kn, Zenith Royal 705, Feb 3, ABDX via DXLD) Is this legal? (gh, DXLD)

Yes, per Gartner v. USIA (1989). If the station in Texas can get hold of the content on its own accord, it can rebroadcast it. It would be illegal for VOA to encourage or facilitate this, though.

See <http://www.annenberg.northwestern.edu/pubs/usfa/usfa4.htm>

Our local ethnic station, WUST, 1120, also transmits VOA Vietnamese, or at least they did a few weeks ago when I happened to hear it.

Immigrant communities appreciate the chance to get news about their home countries in their mother tongues. Relays of VOA programming on U.S. stations provide this public service, at no additional cost to

the taxpayers. 73 (Kim (definitely not speaking for VOA or IBB here!),
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VA, 1700, WQBY206, Arlington, QSL certificate (only states current call sign of WQCR563) 7days, follow/up. v/s: David Jordan, AM1700 DX Listener Liaison, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 612, Arlington, VA 22201 (Michael Procop, Bedford, Ohio (Cleveland), Feb 3, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

** U S A. 7251-LSB, TENNESSEE, "VOip Net" K4EDI, Bristol; 1300-1310 2 February, 2008. Normally I don't log or in any way desire to further the silly ham radio cause, but happened upon this net as Bangladesh [q.v.] closed. Bless them for opening after Bangladesh closes, unintentional though that is. It's the Voice Over Internet Protocol net, today moderated by Ben in Bristol who stated this is up from 8-10 a.m. and 12-2 p.m. (Saturdays only?) Eastern on 7251. He gave the proverbial weather in Bristol and took mobile check-ins first. Also referenced <http://voip.southcars.com> which is in fact the correct address, and indicates this net is new as of January 5th (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, RadioShack Pro-60 handheld scanner, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. THE MOUTHS THAT RUN AGAINST MCCAIN
By Dana Milbank Tuesday, February 5, 2008; A02

HAMILTON, N.J. On Tuesday night, Americans will finally learn whether John McCain can wrest the Republican presidential nomination from his powerful and well-funded opponent: Rush Limbaugh. Technically, the conservative radio host won't be on the ballot in the 21 states holding GOP contests on Super Tuesday, but he might as well be. Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Ann Coulter and most of the other warriors of the airwaves have made an all-out effort to turn their millions of listeners against McCain -- so much so that the candidate can't decide which of them is his main foe. . .

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/02/04/AR2008020402807_pf.html
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. Radio Uzbekistan new homepage <http://mtrk.uz/en/>
Re an item in German newsgroup A-DX:

Very fast access, less than a second in Germany. Four radio programmes start after 3 seconds on PC. Only 24hrs FM program Radio channel "Oltin Zamin" http://mtrk.uz/en/page/?page=radio_oltinzamin missed yet. English translation made by automatic software ? 73 wb (Wolfgang

B,schel, Feb 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. Cambio en el dial venezolano: DEPORTES UNION RADIO 870 AM. Transmite desde Puerto La Cruz, Edo. Anzo-tegui, pertenece al Circuito UniUn Radio. Anteriormente esta emisora se identificaba como Radio Pueblo 870. Desaparece entonces Radio Pueblo y nace Deportes UniUn Radio 870 AM. Pierde así el circuito CNB una frecuencia y la gana UniUn Radio (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, Feb 4, noticiasdx yg via DXLD) Should we consider which network is more anti- or pro-Chavista? (gh, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. 5000, YVT0, 0405, 1/30/08. Audible time tones on each second, ID and time announcements in Spanish each minute. Odd propagation, with YVT0 at about equal strength as WWVH, and WWV's announcements almost inaudible under YVT0. Fair (Mark Schiefelbein, Springfield, MO, Kenwood R-5000/Eton E1, Wellbrook 330S loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. DEGAR VOICE: No longer carried on shortwave (WRTH Feb 4 update via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar, 1757-1812, Feb 5, pop song, ToH sounded like Swahili, seemed to be segment about Islam and brief reciting from Qur'an, into music program (calypso type song, songs in English ["You're Still The One" by Shania Twain, etc.], fair. As Brian Alexander and others have recently noted, the Spice FM news at 1800, in English, is "rarely heard lately" (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. RADIO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE --- Me dispuse a recorrer la onda corta, y busquÈ los 11610 kHz - que tomÈ de una nota diexista hace algunos dÌas -, y encontrÈ una seÒal de fuerte a muy fuerte, 4-5, y descubri que era Radio The Voice of the People de Zimbabwe!!! En mi blog he subido un fragmento de mi recepcióUn hecha de las 0437 a 0454 UT, 5 Febrero 2008.

Radio Voice of the People (VOP) is a communications trust whose programmes are broadcast every evening on short wave. It was established in the year 2000 as an alternative voice for Zimbabweans in the run up to that year's Parliamentary elections. A board of trustees leads Radio VOP on policy matters while day to day operations are overseen by a full time executive director who is in charge of broadcast journalists and other support staff. In August 2002 Radio VOP suffered a major setback when its offices were completely destroyed in a bomb blast perpetrated by some unknown assailants who are still to be brought to book. However the station back on the air in full swing with new and exciting programmes. VOP advocates for the opening up of the airwaves in Zimbabwe.

M-s informaciÛn en: <http://www.vopradio.co.zw/>

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(Magdiel Cruz Rodríguez, Jiutepec, Morelos, M...XICO, Sangean ATS 818
Antena G5RV (V invertida recortada) Mi blog (actualizado):
<http://entre-ondas.blogspot.com/> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 530 kHz, 0825-0832 4 Feb. Apparently the same guy Harry Helms heard on 2 Feb. with 20 seconds of "1-2-3...15" and about 16 seconds of 1 kHz tone under Oceanside CA HAR, LAX TIS and maybe Vision Cristiana (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Unknown Station Testing on 1680 --- Hi All: I'm new to AM DXing but wonder if anyone can help me identify a station I heard earlier today on the AM broadcast band. I am located in Carlsbad, CA north of San Diego. I heard a het on 1680 kHz around 1635Z (0835L) beating against KAVT in Fresno, CA. Using ECSS, I tuned in a carrier on 1680.30 kHz and could hear a male voice counting in non-accented English from 1-15, followed for about 5 seconds by a tone. Then, the process would repeat over and over. The signal exhibited slow QSB. I never heard an ID during the 15-20 minutes I listened. My first thought was that it was a DX test of some sort but I heard no Morse ID or other information. Eventually, it was gone when I returned to listen again later but the Fresno station was still being heard, albeit weaker.

My equipment consists of an E1-XM and the antenna is an EF-SWL mounted as a sloper with the feedpoint at about 2' above ground and sloping up at a 45 degree angle toward the East to about 50'. My antenna ground consists of a ground rod and four radials fanned out to improve RF grounding. Any ideas or thoughts? Thanks in advance (Vince, Carlsbad, CA, dxhub yg via DXLD) Probably Highway Advisory Radio getting ready for construxion somewhere; see 8-014, 530 (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4640-USB, 0340-0500. 2 Feb 08. Arabic. OM speaking text message. No ID or music heard. The signal was dead on 4640. Thanks to Harold Fodge for tip. VG (Joe Wood, Greenback TN, E1, DX 390; Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I guess he means dead-on, rather than dead, on (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7455, 1355-1359, 1/3/08, in unidentified language (maybe

Indonesian?). Talk between 2 announcers, woman with closing announcements, off 1359. I could not make out an ID at closing. Fair. I could not find anything listed at this time in EiBi, Aoki, DX Listening Digest for the past month, or Passport (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Eton E1, Grundig Sat 800 & G4000; 110' random wire, Eavesdropper, Flextenna, NASWA Flashesheet via DXLD)

I guess he means Feb 3, 08 (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11795, weak DRM signal centered here, 1337 Feb 5. Maybe HCJB playing around, as no one sked here at this time, but they are at 23-24 only in Portuguese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 12055, 2328, unknown language, 333, Feb 2, IS with hymn music at 2330. OM announcer. Possible a religious station??? (Stewart MacKenzie, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Only thing scheduled here is FEBC, Bocaue, Philippines, 2330-0100. In WRTH 2008, NO sked of FEBC under Philippines. Instead you must go to the USA sexion! page 470, where sked is mixed in with KFBS Saipan and other sites; there shown as 12060 at 2300-0100 but must have changed. Yes, in Aoki we find on 12055, FEBC Manila, 100 kW, 305 degrees from Bocaue site, 120E55, 14N48, B07, nothing before 2330:

2330-2345 1234... Palaung, Pale
2345-0015 1234567 Tai-Lu
0015-0030 1234567 Lahu
0030-0045 1.....7 Akha
0030-0045 .23456. Lahu
0045-0100 1234567 Wa

But this still does not answer your question, as your log was on a Saturday, day 7 when it supposedly does not start until 2345. EXCEPT, days of week in this sked may well be FE time, in which case Sunday = Day 1 applies. This is nonsensical, but I seem to recall FEBC has been caught doing this before.

Nothing about this in the WRTH Feb update under USA or Philippines. Also, in the WRTH 2008 itself, the related FEBA broadcasts are filed under UK altho not transmitted from any site there (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Glenn: Great job on the show and website. It's a pleasure to listen

whenever I can (Chuck Zabriskie, Houston TX)

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WRTH WINTER UPDATES FILE

WRTH is pleased to announce that a file containing updates to the winter schedules of international broadcasters is now available to download from the WRTH website at: <http://www.wrth.com>

The file is in pdf format and runs to 9 pages with a file size of 81 kB. You will need the free Adobe Acrobat reader (version 5 or above) in order to view the file. We hope you find this file a useful accompaniment to the printed WRTH. Regards (Sean Gilbert, WRTH Editorial Team, Feb 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) A number of items from this and also from the also just updated domestic file are above (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: TAIWAN; UNIDENTIFIED 11790-11795-11800

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NAB TO ASK FCC FOR A SUBSTANTIAL IBOC-FM POWER INCREASE

The power increase proposed for FM IBOC is not trivial: Up to 10 dB (ten times power) per IBOC station. This demonstrates once again how poorly the IBOC system was designed at the outset and raises a host of troubling questions.

<http://www.radioworld.com/pages/s.0100/t.11018.html>
(CGC Communicator Feb 4 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

IBIQUITY FINALLY REVEALS HD RADIO SALES FIGURES

They claim 330,000 were sold in 2007, although I wonder if that really means "receivers manufactured" instead of actually sold.

<http://www.rwononline.com/pages/s.0100/t.11019.html>

[two hours and 17 minutes later]: HD RADIO SALES FIGURES QUESTIONED

Hats off to Mark Ramsey for noticing this: why is Ibiuity now saying 40,000 HD radios were sold in 2006 when last October they were claiming 200,000 were sold in 2006?

<http://www.hear2.com/2008/02/hd-radio-sales.html>

As President Nixon used to say, "Eternal vigilance is the price of dishonesty." (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19

<http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/> Feb 4, ABDX via DXLD)

DENVER ñ TEST MARKET FOR IBOC?

Thanks to our great group of Denver area reporters, DDXD-W readers have been kept up-to-speed on the Denver IBOC situation, quite possibly the most challenging one in all of North America for DXers. This week Chris Knight sends along these observations:

iI did a daytime IBOC scan here in metro Denver and noted 16 stations carrying IBOC. As a result, there is noise all over the AM band on all unoccupied frequencies during daylight hours. The Denver dial sounds like third world.i

For example: the Denver Airport TIS is overcome with 560 KLZ IBOC (which is particularly sloppy); 850 KOAis IBOC is audible under 870 KJMP within 10 miles of KJMPis transmitter; 1490 KCFCis IBOC is audible on 1510 KCKK within 10 miles west of KCKKis transmitter and when driving through underpasses at closer distances.i And Chris adds:

iIt seems to me the FCC set up the Denver metro area as their showcase. The FCC granted power increases to stations within 20 kHz of semi-locals running IBOC: 1360 KHNC (1340 KCFR runs IBOC), 1060 KRCN (1040 KCBR runs IBOC), 1510 KCKK (1490 KCFC runs IBOC) plus others. KCKK was also granted a transmitter site move from south of Littleton to Thornton 20 miles to the north. This puts their transmitter site 25 miles away from KCFC 1490 in Boulder, but they still suffer IBOC interference from KCFC outside of their lobes.i (DDXD-West, NRC DX News Feb 4 via DXLD)

DENVER'S DTV TOWER FINALLY FINISHED

JEFFERSON COUNTY - Marking the end of an 11-year process, a new digital television tower is now standing tall on Lookout Mountain. Construction on the 740-foot tower has finished and it is nearing operational status. The Lake Cedar Group of stations, channels 4, 7, 9 and 20, came together to build the tower to broadcast the digital signals of all four stations. . .

<http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=85773>
(via WTFDA via DXLD) with slideshow

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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OTH RADAR SCRAPPED BY OTTAWA

Re 8-114: Well, there was more to it than just one complaint. This is something I was involved with in my Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) IARU Monitoring capacity. I am assuming this is the Raytheon HF SWR-503 OTH radar that was installed in the Grand Banks region of Newfoundland and caused a great deal of interference to 80 m amateur

band signals in the fall/winter of 1999, often centered near the DX window of 3790-3800 kHz. The signal was strong in both Europe and the east coast of the Americas, and many complaints were made.

At the time, we didn't know who to blame so these complaints were made within amateur circles, to the ARRL, RAC and FCC etc. It quickly became apparent it was coming from our Canadian east coast and thru the RAC channels our concerns fell on the right ears and the interference ceased. They may have regarded this as one complaint, but it was a significant one, made up of many. Obviously someone erred in allowing the radar to transmit in the 80m amateur band, but in hind sight this error brought it worldwide attention it didn't want and perhaps it's eventual downfall. I am unaware of it operating in any of the amateur exclusive frequencies since that time period.

This radar didn't have the sweeper sound of the 60m CODAR, but operated at a higher rate, and was dubbed as a buzz saw radar, and covered about 20 kHz. The sound is not unlike the Chinese radar I often hear in or around the 7 MHz 40m ham band.

As far as the comment on some of these radars being intelligent in that they avoid frequency where they detect activity - in my opinion, when they can detect my (and others') receiver's local oscillator(s) and frequency division scheme, and hence establish the frequency I'm trying to listen to, and avoid that - then I will say they are intelligent. 73 (Don VE6JY Moman, Feb 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[but, we wouldn't want Big Brother doing that, would we? -- gh]

Some information at:
http://www.raytheon.ca/ATC_Radar_Systems/feature305.asp

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RAYTHEON SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATES HIGH FREQUENCY SURFACE WAVE RADAR FOR LONG-RANGE OCEANIC SURVEILLANCE

WATERLOO, Ontario, Canada, (Dec. 23, 1999) -- Raytheon Systems Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTNA, RTNB), has developed and successfully demonstrated a shore-based, long-range High-Frequency (HF) Surface Wave Radar in collaboration with the Canadian Department of National Defence.

Designated HF SWR-503, Raytheon's surface wave radar is an oceanic surveillance system for monitoring such illegal activities as drug trafficking, smuggling, piracy, illicit fishing and illegal immigration. In addition, it may be used for tracking icebergs, environmental protection, search and rescue, resource protection,

sovereignty monitoring and remote sensing of ocean surface currents and winds. Because of its long-range capability, Raytheon's HF SWR-503 allows a coastal nation to monitor surface and low-level airborne targets up to and beyond its 200-nautical-mile (nm) Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Lionel Leveille, president and general manager of Raytheon Systems Canada Ltd., said, "Raytheon is the first to have successfully demonstrated the long-range detection and tracking capability of this system at ranges beyond 200 nautical miles."

The Canadian system consists of two land-based, long-range radars and an Operations Control Center (OCC). The two unmanned radars provide coverage of the Grand Banks region of Newfoundland renowned for its offshore resources, particularly fisheries and oil fields.

Extensive performance testing of the system was conducted using two fully functional radars in conjunction with alternate surveillance sensors, such as airborne radar, spotter aircraft and surface patrol craft, which provided target verification. Raytheon's HF SWR-503 successfully detected and tracked all targets observed by these other sensors, marking the world's first successful demonstration of HF surface wave radar technology for EEZ monitoring activity.

One hundred six coastal states currently have economic jurisdiction up to the 200-nm limit under the terms of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It is to the benefit of these coastal nations to establish and maintain administration, law enforcement and environmental protection over this maritime zone.

Raytheon's long-range HF radar is the first land-based sensor that can provide continuous, all-weather and real-time surveillance of EEZ waters. Leveille added, "Raytheon's HF Surface Wave Radar is a major breakthrough providing greatly improved oceanic surveillance at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods. It complements existing surveillance assets and will dramatically increase the effectiveness of air and surface patrol missions by vectoring them directly to targets of interest."

Raytheon Company, based in Lexington, Mass., is a global technology leader that provides products and services in the areas of commercial and defense electronics, engineering and construction, and business and special mission aircraft. Raytheon has operations throughout the United States and serves customers in more than 80 countries around the world. Corporate Communications corpcom@raytheon.com (via Moman, ibid.)

PROLONGED CELLPHONE USE MAY AFFECT YOUR HEALTH

Assertion of a CGC Communicator reader: "There's now evidence that using a cell phone more than an hour a day for 10 years increases your chance of getting a brain tumor by 250 percent."

Response from a research librarian at a major cell phone company:

I've been tracking this issue for over two years now watching as each new study comes out. While the percentage increase may vary somewhat depending on which article you are reading, the studies are showing more and more that there is danger in prolonged cell phone usage.

This report in Occupational and Environmental Medicine <<http://oem.bmjjournals.org/cgi/content/full/64/9/626>> discusses results of a number of previous studies. The references at the end of the article include links to numerous papers where the full text may be accessed for free.

--- Hardell, Lennart, et al. "Long-term use of cellular phones and brain tumours: increased risk associated with use for >=10years," Occupational and Environmental Medicine 2007;64:626-632
doi:10.1136/oem.2006.029751
<http://oem.bmjjournals.org/cgi/content/full/64/9/626>

A study came out last month regarding incidents of mouth cancer (specifically of the largest saliva glands) in association with cell phone usage. This link will take you to the abstract on the journal web site: <http://tinyurl.com/29qg2k>

--- Sadetzki, Siegal, et al. "Cellular phone use and risk of benign and malignant parotid gland tumors - a nationwide case-control study" American Journal of Epidemiology published online December 6, 2007
doi:10.1093/aje/kwm325

Please be mindful of how much time you spend with a cellphone next to your head (CGC Communicator Feb 4, via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING CAR ZAP MYSTERY:

<http://tinyurl.com/2pdf6m> (NY Daily News Jan 27 via Bob Thomas, CT; also CGC Communicator Feb 4 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

DALLAS LANKFORD SDR ARTICLES

Hi all, A couple of articles on the Perseus and the SDR-IQ authored by Dallas Lankford can be downloaded at Bjarne Melde's website:

<http://www.kongsfjord.no/dl/SDR/Perseus%20Initial%20Impressions.pdf>
<http://www.kongsfjord.no/dl/SDR/SDR-IQ%20veoload%20Characteristics.pdf>

<http://www.kongsfjord.no/dl/SDR/SDR-IQ%20Preamp%20Mod%20rev%201.pdf>
<http://www.kongsfjord.no/dl/SDR/SDR-IQ%20Spurious%20Mixing%20Products.pdf>

If you prefer shorter URLs:

<http://tinyurl.com/2bksa4>
<http://tinyurl.com/ywnsh6>
<http://tinyurl.com/yw992m>
<http://tinyurl.com/2cstbp>
-- vy 73 + gd DX, (Michael Oexner, Germany, Feb 3, MWC via DXLD)

KINGVS VILLAGE TEST BENCH: PERSEUS SDR-RECEIVER
- A Pretty Excellent Receiver of Software . OR - A Poor Example of Receivers . - First Impressions (by TK)

These impressions are something found during a brief test arrangements on January 21-22 with a Perseus + Table-top PC Fujitsu-Siemens (about 1.8 GHz - 1 Mb mem. + 250 GB HD). The rx was compared mostly to a SDR-14 & IQ + a communications receiver Icom R9000. . .

<http://pudxk.blogspot.com/2008/01/testing-perseus-sdr.html>

more info : <http://www.microtelecom.it/perseus/index-it.htm>
<http://it.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDRITALIA/>
http://www.lucabarbi.it/perseus/perseus_ita.htm
73 (Tarmo Kontro via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

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SOLAR CYCLE 24 HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE

INTERESTING WEB SITE OF THE WEEK. Those who are interested in following the propagation, sunspots and the new sunspot cycle may want to look at the following Web page provide by Kevin, VE3NE:
<http://www.solarcycle24.com/>

There is plenty of reading, charts and pictures to keep you busy (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 844, February 3, 2008, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM OTTAWA, currently: Feb 3 - March 15

Space Weather Canada 27 - Day Magnetic Activity Forecast
http://www.spaceweather.gc.ca/forecast27days_e.php
(via gh, DXLD) ####